middle–class,, especially the retired persons, have been hard hit and their only one source of livelihood is affected. It is, therefore, requested that this may kindly be reconsidered and the status quo restored.

**(iii) Need to ensure adequate and timely supply of LPG in hill areas of Uttar Pradesh**

[*Translation*]

SHRI. BALRAJ PASSI (Nainital): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, under Rule 377, I would like to bring it to the notice of the august House that more than 40,000 persons are on the waiting list for gas–connections in the whole Kumaun region. For more than last 3 years there is a ban on grant of gas connection in that area. It is causing a great loss of Forest Wealth worth crores of rupees. Besides, smoke discharged from hearths is telling upon women's health of the hill areas. They fall victims of T.B. and asthma. Gas–depots have been set up in a few places. Even those places, prove useless as they are far from the reach of general public. Several depots are in the waiting–list for last many years.

I would, therefore, like to request the hon.Minister of Petroleum to take effective steps for supply of LPG in Nainital, Almorah, Pithoragarh etc. in view of the fact that these are absolutely hill areas.

**(iv) Need for draging of Vatrak and Shedhi Rivers of Kaira District of Gujarat to Avoid Flood situation Created by these Rivers.**

[*English*]

DR. K.D. JESWANI (Kheda): Sir, the Vatrak and Shedhi rivers have been creating flood situation in Kaira District of Gujarat State practically every year. The Shedhi river has gone very shallow because of the deposition of silt, particularly between Dakor and Umreth towns. Even with the rainfall of about 10 to 15 cms. at a stretch, it overflows, blocks roads and causes heavy damages to agriculture. It has gone shallow in also many other parts of its course. As a result of deposition of silt, it changes its stream every year causing damage to a number of villages situated on the river bank.

River Vatrak has also gone very shallow near Kheda town and changes its stream every two years because of the deposition of silt. It has washed away a protection wall, built up for the protection of Rabariwad and Bhoiwad of Kheda town.

I therefore urge upon the Government to undertake dredging of both these rivers (which is not done so far) and build some spurs at selected points to divert the stream of the rivers.

[Translation]

**(v) Need for early Construction of Proposed Bridge on River Yamuna in Allahabad**

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY(Allahabad): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Under Rule 377, I would like to draw your attention to a very important and busy bridge on river Yamuna in my constituency, Allahabad, located at the confluence of Ganga and Yamuna, has always been an important city from political, social and literary point of view. A bridge constructed on Yamuna river during the British days, connects Uttar Pradesh with Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal. That bridge is on the verge of collapse as it has outlived its utility.

In the post–independence era, Naini a trans Yamuna area has developed into an important industrial area. Several industries are running there and there are plans to set

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up more new industries. Industriallsts are not in a positlon to start more industries in the city, mainly because of the heavy traffic blocked on that old and congested bridge. It is being used by thousands of persons working in the trans Yamuna Naini industrial area. Many times in a day traffic is blocked on that bridge, which causes hours of delay to all tired employees including women employees, workers farmers, students in reaching their homes. Due to this delay many serious patients and women writing in labour –pain die on the way to the hospitals for want of treatment.

Taking into account, people's problems the then Prime Minister had laid the foundation stone in 1990 to construct a new bridge on Yamuna river but the construction work has not yet been started there.

So, I would like to request the Central government to construct the proposed bridge on Yamuna river immediately for the public welfare and industrial development of the area so that new industries may be set up there across Yamuna in order to provide employment to unemployed youth.

(vi) **Need to Provide LPG Dealership to Co– Operative Consumers Society, Jalpaiguri**

*[English]*

SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS (Jalpaiguri): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the acute crisis for LPG connections in the Divisional Town, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. There is only one LPG dealer in the town, who is unable to meet the demand of the public, where more than 6000 applications for connections are pending. Taking this into consideration, the Oil Selection Board(V East) conducted an interview on 12.6.1990 at Siliguri, Darjeeling. A panel was also prepared where the Wholesale Co-operative Consumers' Society Limited, Jalpaiguri is in top position. I do request the Government to take necessary steps so that the said co–operative may get the dealership without any delay.

(vii) **Need to Reconsider the Proposal to Deliver Letters in Mail Boxes Located on Ground Floors Above in High Rise Buildings in Bombay.**

SHRI SHARAD DIGHE(Bombay–North Central): It is gratifying that the hon. Minister for Communications in the last week of October, 1991 postponed for two months the implementation of the proposed system of delivering letters through the mail boxes located on the ground floors alone of high rise buildings in Bombay. However, it is not sufficient merely to postpone the implementation. The feasibility or otherwise of the proposal should be examined in depth promptly by appointing a Parliamentary Committee and the implementation be stayed in the meantime. The proposal, as it is, is impracticable and will cause hardships to the citizens of Bombay.

(viii) **Need to Provide Relief to People Affected by Floods in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh**

SHRI K.P. REDDAIAH YADAV (Machhlipatnam): A grave situation is prevailing in the States of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh due to devastating floods that took place on the 14th, 15th and 16th of this month. Lakhs of acres of standing crops were completely ruined in Tamil Nadu and in the districts of Chitoor, Nellore, Cuddaph, Guntur, Prakasam, Krishna in Andhra Pradesh. Thousands of houses have collapsed, number of livestocks have perished and all the communications have been disrupted.

I urge upon the Government of India to declare these areas as areas affected under 'Natural Calamities' and rush aid to Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh till the normalcy is restored and undertake rehabilitation works in these areas.